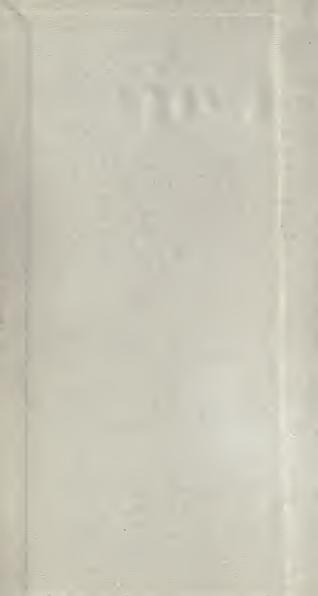


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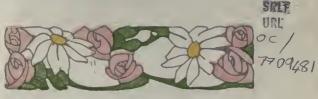
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Dear Samuel
"God Bless You"in your noble work
And in your every joy and sorrow,
A prayer expressed by two of yours
Who'll love you till the last tomorrow,

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"GOD bless you!"—
Words are empty things;
We speak, and think not of
our saying—

But in this phrase forever rings

The higher tenderness of praying.

It means so much —— it means that I

Would have no fears or frets distress you,

Nor have your heart timed to a sigh.

GOD BLESS YOU!







HEN we have folks that are so true That in our very souls we love them, We want the gladdest jewel-blue To gleam in all the skies above them: It's more than wishing joy and wealth, That kindly fortune may caress you, That you may have success and health -GOD BLESS YOU!







THIS trinity of blessed words

Holds all of human hope and gladness;

It serves a feast on broken sherds,

It makes a song to heal our sadness;

It gives you all the world can give

And may in royal raiment dress you,







IT holds all of my gentlest thought,

My oldest wishes, and my newest,

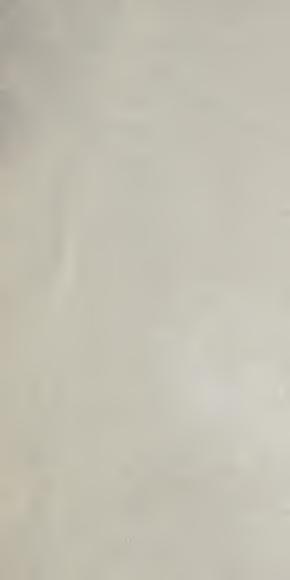
The fairest deeds that can be wrought,

The halest greetings, and the truest —

It means that I both day and night

Pray that no sorrows may oppress you,







GOD bless you!"—
Why, it means so much I almost whisper as I say it;

I dream that unseen fin-

gers touch My hands in answer as I pray it.

May all it means to all mankind

In all its wondrousness possess you.

Through sun and cloud and calm and wind, GOD BLESS YOU!











